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**PLEASE NOTE:**

- **Registration:** There will be no on-site registrations/walk-ins.
- **Registration Fee:** Conference is free for the general public. \$20 Registration Fee for County Employees and LACDMH Contracted Agency Employees.
- **Confirmation:** Only e-mail confirmations will be sent.
- **Cancellations:** Please inform us if you plan on not attending so that we may allow those on waiting lists to attend.
- **Refunds:** There will be no refunds.
- **Continuing Education:**

The County of Los Angeles-Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) is approved as a continuing education provider by the following:

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WELLNESS • RECOVERY • RESILIENCE

Annual American Indian/Alaska Native  
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**“Integrating Services  
To Heal Our  
Generations”**



**Wednesday, November 20, 2013**

**8:00 am ~ 4:30 pm**

**California Endowment  
1000 N. Alameda St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90012**

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## About the Conference:

We invite you to join us for the American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Mental Health Conference 2013. This year's conference will highlight how the integration of mental health services, substance abuse services, physical health services and traditional spiritual & cultural practices improve mental health outcomes for American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) and how the integration of services across different generations can have a powerful, positive healing effect on the person as well as a community.

Our morning plenary speaker, Bonnie M. Duran, Dr.P.H., Opelousas and Coushatta, is an Associate Professor in the Department of Health Services, University of Washington School of Public Health and is also the Director of the Center for Indigenous Health Research at the Indigenous Wellness Research Institute. She has worked in public health research, evaluation and education among American Indian/Alaska Natives and other communities of color for over 30 years. She will be presenting on the rationale for a wellness resiliency approach to treatment interventions with the AI/AN community, as well as some potential individual and community level interventions that emphasize a culture centered approach.

Our afternoon plenary speaker, David A. Patterson, Silver Wolf (Adelv unegv Waya), Ph.D., Cherokee, has over 15 years of providing clinical, addiction-related services and is currently an Associated Researcher with the University at Buffalo Research Institute on Addictions and the Buffalo Center for Social Research. Dr. Patterson is specifically interested in American Indian/Alaska Native health and wellness, particularly on issues related to college retention. He will share his own personal and professional experiences with the mental health and substance abuse field as well as best practices in the integration of culture to achieve wellness.

This year's array of topics and presenters promises to deliver a day of knowledge, skill building, cultural awareness, and networking.

Sincerely,

*Carrie Johnson, Ph.D.*

*Melanie Cain, Ph.D.*

*Glenda Ahhaitty*

AI/AN UREP Conference Committee Co-Chairs

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### Opening Ceremony

**Friends of American Indian Changing Spirits Drumming Group**

### Opening Blessing

**Chief Rudy Ortega Jr.**, *Fernandeño Tataviam*

### Opening Remarks and Welcome

**Carrie Johnson**, Ph.D., *Dakota Sioux*

**Melanie J. Cain**, Ph.D., *Santa Clara Pueblo & Jicarilla Apache*

*Co-Chairs, American Indian/Alaska Native UREP*

**Don Knabe**, Supervisor (invited)

*County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors*

**Marvin J. Southard**, D.S.W., Director

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**Larry Gasco**, Ph.D., *Coastal Band of the Chumash Nation*

*Chairman, Los Angeles County Mental Health Commission*

### Morning Keynote

**Health Promotion in Indian Country: Strengths, Resiliency and Positive Cultural Practices**

*Bonnie M. Duran, Dr.P.H., Opelousas and Coushatta*

### Concurrent Workshop Sessions (Repeated morning and afternoon)

1. Border Walking

*Kelly Concho-Hayes, M.Ed., Navajo and Acoma*

2. Healing Our Los Angeles American Indian/Alaska Native Community: Panel Discussion on Integrative Services

*Carrie Johnson, Ph.D., Dakota Sioux*

*Daniel Dickerson, D.O., M.P.H., Inupiaq*

*Norma Blackwater, M.D., Navajo*

3. Integrated Services for the American Indian/Alaska Native Two Spirit Community

*Michelle Enfield, Navajo*

4. Where do you get your medicine?

*American Indian/Alaska Native Youth Panel (morning only)*

*Jennifer Varenchik, Tohono O'Odham, Moderator*

5. Native Pride Surrounding The Military Warrior Culture

*American Indian/Alaska Native Veterans Panel (afternoon only)*

*Melanie Cain, Ph.D., Santa Clara Pueblo and Jicarilla Apache, Moderator*

### Lunch, Blessing and Cultural Presentation

**Benjamin Hale**, *Navajo*

**White Rose Singers**, Sherman Indian High School

### Afternoon Keynote

**American Indian/Alaska Native Health and Wellness:**

**Traveling Back to Our Roots**

*David A. Patterson, Ph.D., Cherokee*

### Closing Remarks

**Ana Suarez**, L.C.S.W.

*District Chief Service Area 7,*

*County of Los Angeles Dept. of Mental Health*

### Closing Blessing

*Sherman Indian High School Youth*

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**Registration due by November 4, 2013**

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